

printed in the bill, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that amendments shall be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss and Representatives Simmons, Harman, Boswell, Peterson of Minnesota, Cramer, Eshoo, Holt, and Ackerman.

## OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Public Transportation Security. Testimony was heard from Robert Jamison, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Chet Lunner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Maritime and Land Security, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Richard A. White, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority; and public witnesses.

## TAX EXEMPTION: PRICING PRACTICES OF HOSPITALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Exemption: Pricing Practices of Hospitals. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation permitting

the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to register Canadian pesticides, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine peer-to-peer networks, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine the grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, including permit renewals, recent and proposed changes to grazing regulations, and the Wild Horse and Burro program, as it relates to grazing, and the Administration's proposal for sagegrouse habitat conservation, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 2495, to strike limitations on funding and extend the period of authorization for certain coastal wetland conservation projects; S. 2350, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship System; H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges; S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965; H.R. 1572, to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Winston E. Arnow United States Courthouse"; S. 2385, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse"; S. 2398, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the James V. Hansen Federal Building, proposed Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act, proposed legislation to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and the proposed Water Infrastructure Financing Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to review and make recommendations on proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, Cynthia G. Efird, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, and Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine the situation in Iraq with regard to the June 30, 2004 transition, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 11:30 a.m., SD-342.

Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine weapons of mass destruction smuggling networks and U.S. programs and initiatives, such as the Proliferation Security Initiative, to counter these proliferation threats, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 37, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States, and S. 1996, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian tribal detention facilities, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine the law of biologic medicine, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review Agricultural Biotechnology, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies; and Legislative, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on the U.S. global defense footprint, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, hearing entitled "No Child Left Behind: Raising Student Achievement in America's Big City Schools," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Travel, Tourism, and Homeland Security: Improving Both without Sacrificing Either," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Protecting Homeland Security: A Status Report on Interoperability Between Public Safety Communications Systems," 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joint hearing entitled "Promoting Homeownership by Ensuring Liquidity in the Subprime Mortgage Market," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to consider a Consulting Contract; followed by a hearing entitled "Common Sense Justice for the Nation's Capital: An Examination of Proposals to Give D.C. Residents Direct Representation," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Geospatial Information: Are we Headed in the

Right Direction or Are We Lost?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Stolen Passports: A Terrorist's First Class Ticket, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Recent Developments in Hong Kong, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3247, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act of 2003; H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; and H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, to continue oversight hearings on "Families and Business Limbo: the Detrimental Impact of the Immigration Backlog," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on S. 1721, American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Developing Biomass Potential: Turning Hazardous Fuels into Valuable Products, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 4300, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 4389, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California; H.R. 4459, Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative; and H.R. 4606, Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, hearing entitled: "Protecting the Rights of Those Who Protect Us: Public Sector Compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and Improvements to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA);" and to examine an expanded enforcement role for the Office of Special Counsel and public sector compliance with USERRA, and the following measures: H.R. 3779, Safeguarding Schoolchildren of Deployed Soldiers Act of 2004; H.R. 4477, Patriotic Employer Act of 2004; the USERRA Health Care Coverage Extension Act of 2004; and the Servicemembers Legal Protection Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up the following: the United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act; H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 2 p.m., 2167, Rayburn Building.